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Mr. Max F. Millikan
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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Millikan:

This is in reply to your letter received on December 21, 1951, requesting specified statistics with respect to East-West trade by January 15, 1952.

25X1A9a Following the receipt of your letter, Mrs. Keyserling, the Director of the International Economic Analysis Division, which Division is responsible for the compilations requested, communicated with your office. When she found that you would not be available until next week she discussed the matter with [REDACTED] of your Agency, who, with several other staff members of the CIA, had met on December 10, with representatives of her Division to discuss this project. At that time, Miss Hall, Chief of the Foreign Trade Statistics Section in Mrs. Keyserling's Division, indicated that it would be impossible for her staff to complete by January 15, tables showing the trade of all free countries for which statistics are available, with each of the countries of the Soviet orbit, for the period January-June 1951. At the request of your representatives we informed your people informally of the number of persons that would be necessary to add for a specified period of time to complete this undertaking. It was our understanding that the CIA was interested in this work [REDACTED] in order to expedite its receipt of the requested data.

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25X1A12a With our present facilities, we can complete east trade studies for the 14 countries listed below, by January 15, 1952:

Austria	United Kingdom
Denmark	Belgium-Luxembourg
Norway	France
Portugal	Italy
Spain	Malaya
Sweden	India
Switzerland	

We could not finish similar studies for the remaining countries of the world for which trade statistics are available before February 15, even were the Foreign Trade Statistics Section to drop all other assignments

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which would, of course, be impossible, particularly because of our responsibilities under the Battle Act. It would, therefore, be well into March before we could complete Section a) of your project.

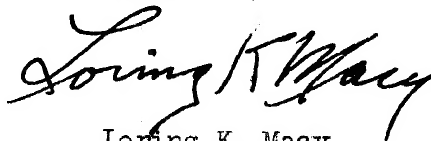
With respect to the tables showing Soviet orbit trade, we have completed such studies for the USSR and for Poland, for the calendar year 1950. We could not undertake to compile similar tables for the period January-June 1951, until the tables for all free countries were completed. The orbit tables for these two countries, the USSR and Poland, could be completed within three weeks after the tables for all free countries are available.

We have assumed that your request with respect to trade information deals with the period January-June 1951, although no time period was mentioned by you. This would be the latest time period for which such world-wide tables would be feasible. For many countries trade statistics are not yet available for the first six months of this year, and will not be for some months to come.

As you may know, the Office of International Trade has outlined a project which has been submitted to the Director for Mutual Security with the hope that that agency may see its way clear to finance a considerable expansion in the trade statistics work now in process to permit us adequately to carry out Battle Act obligations. If this project materializes and we are able to increase the number of statistical personnel for East-West trade compilations and analysis, it should be possible for us to supply the type of information that you have outlined in your letter, on a regular basis, with relatively little delay once the statistics become available to us in published form from the other countries of the world.

We will be glad to discuss your project further with you, at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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Director

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